

What is Claimed is:

1. In a system for printing one or more addresses to a mailpiece, a method of printing postage and an address, said method comprising the steps of:
 - (a) producing an address matched mailpiece having a set of text data while utilizing a word processing software application with a mail merge capability;
 - (b) printing said address matched mailpiece information to a printer driver as a print stream;
 - (c) sending said print stream information to a print stream processor module;
 - (d) determining at said print stream processor module which information contained within said address matched mailpiece is textual information and which information is control code information;
 - (e) removing said control code information from said address matched mailpiece;
 - (f) parsing the one or more addresses from said textual information and sending said textual information to a document printer, and sending said parsed one or more addresses to an address correction/coder component to assure that a valid address has been processed;
 - (g) determining that each one of said parsed one or more addresses is valid, and if said parsed address is not valid, then correcting said parsed

address in accordance with a predetermined set of instructions to make it valid; and

(g) sending said valid address to an IBIP indicia generator to create an indicia image and an address image to be printed on said mailpiece.

2. A mailing system for printing IBIP postage and an address to a mailpiece, said system comprising:

(a) means for producing an address matched mailpiece having a set of text data while utilizing a word processing software application with a mail merge capability;

(b) means for printing said address matched mailpiece to a printer driver as a print stream;

(c) means for sending said print stream information to a print stream processor module;

(d) means for determining, at the print stream processor module, which information contained within said address matched mailpiece is textual information and which information is control code information;

(e) means for removing said control code information from said address matched mailpiece;

(f) means for parsing said one or more addresses from said textual information and sends said textual information to a document printer, and sends said parsed one or more addresses to an address correction/coder component to assure that a valid address has been processed;

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(g) means for determining that each one of said one or more addresses is valid, and if said address is not valid, then correcting said address in accordance with a predetermined set of instructions to make it valid; and

(h) an IBIP indicia generator means for creating an indicia image and an address image to be printed on said mailpiece.